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FYI: ARMY PAPER LAUDS COURAGE OF SOVIET AIRMEN IN DRA

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<> MOSCOW <><>KRASNAYA ZVEZDA<><> IN RUSSIAN 3 AUGUST 1985 SECOND EDITION
CARRIES ON PAGE 3 A 1,950-WORD REPORTAGE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MAJOR A. OLIYNIK UNDER THE HEADLINE "SIZZLING SKY: ON THE COURAGE
AND SKILL OF SOVIET HELICOPTER CREWS IN AFGHANISTAN" DESCRIBING
THE WORK DONE BY HELICOPTER CREWS IN THE DRA. ON THE BASIS OF THE
EXPERIENCE OF THE HELICOPTER CREW LED BY CAPTAIN PYRIN, WHO HAS
BEEN AWARDED THE ORDER OF THE RED STAR AND THE KOMSOMOL "MILITARY
VALOR" MEDAL, OLIYNIK DESCRIBES THE TYPICAL TASKS PERFORMED BY
HELICOPTER CREWS IN THE DRA: RESCUING WOUNDED SERVICEMEN,
DROPPING LANDING FORCES, AND TRANSPORTING FOOD, MEDICINES, AND COMBAT
HARDWARE. SUCH TASKS, HE STRESSES, MOST FREQUENTLY INVOLVE
PERILOUS LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS, SOMETIMES AT NIGHT, AND ALWAYS RUN
THE RISK OF DUCHMAN ATTACK. "EACH FLIGHT," OLIYNIK CONTINUES, "IS
A TEST -- OF FLYING SKILL, PRESENCE OF MIND, AND COURAGE." AND HE
CONCLUDES THAT "THE GROUND SUBUNITS OF THE LIMITED CONTINGENT OF
SOVIET FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN ARE ALWAYS UNDER RELIABLE COVER FROM
THE AIR." NO FURTHER PROCESSING PLANNED. 3 AUG AG/MARSHALL/DP
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